**Metallica’s Robert Trujillo surprises guests at Guitar Center’s Hollywood Flagship event featuring guitar lessons and iconic gear**

Guitar Center marks the occasion with today’s launch of Trujillo’s Guitar Center-exclusiveGodin Yellow Flame Acoustic-Electric Bass

**Westlake Village, CA (September 26, 2025) —** On Thursday, September 25, Guitar Center held a special event at its Hollywood Flagship Store (7425 Sunset Blvd.) that highlighted the brand’s enhanced in-store experience through an immersive guided tour, a guitar lesson with epic gear and an unforgettable surprise appearance by Metallica bassist Robert Trujillo.

The morning began with a guided tour led by Guitar Center CEO Gabe Dalporto, who highlighted the many enhancements he has driven across stores nationwide. Guests explored every corner of the Hollywood Flagship, moving through dedicated rooms for guitars, drums, DJ, keys and live sound, and trying out the latest gear along the way. The tour also stopped at Guitar Center’s iconic RockWalk, where guests learned its history and viewed the handprints cemented at the store’s entryway. Inside, they discovered the Flagship doubles as a living gallery of music history, filled with legendary memorabilia from beloved artists. Standout pieces included Eric Clapton’s famed “Blackie” Stratocaster, among many other iconic instruments.

This was followed by a hands-on guitar lesson inside the iconic Vintage Room led by GRAMMY® Award-winning guitarist, educator and founding member of Velvet Revolver, Dave Kushner, Guitar Center’s Senior Director of Music Education Experience. Guests played their first riffs on the Guitar Center-exclusive Taylor GS Mini-e Rosewood Sunset Blvd Acoustic-Electric Guitar, a special-edition model designed in collaboration with Guitar Center and inspired by the Hollywood Flagship itself, as attendees learned the fundamentals of guitar playing before tackling the riff to Metallica’s “Enter Sandman.” Midway through the session, the excitement reached a new high when Metallica bassist Robert Trujillo made a surprise appearance. Playing his Guitar Center-exclusive Godin A4 Robert Trujillo Yellow Flame Acoustic-Electric Bass, he joined the group for the riff ahead of the instrument’s launch on Friday, September 26, at 12:00 PM PDT.

A true collector’s piece, the Godin A4 (4-string fretted) and A5 (5-string fretted) Robert Trujillo M72 RT Yellow Flame Acoustic-Electric Bass is a Guitar Center exclusive, limited to just four units in the United States. Each instrument is finished in a striking Yellow Flame design inspired by Metallica’s *72 Seasons* album, and each is hand-signed by Trujillo, making it an extraordinary find for fans and gear collectors alike. Each bass also comes with a one-of-a-kind embroidered strap designed by Trujillo’s wife, artist Chloe Trujillo, paying homage to the Jaco Pastorius film Robert released. Both Robert and Chloe signed the straps, adding another layer of rarity and artistry to the release. Built in Canada with premium Godin tonewoods and exceptional craftsmanship, the instruments combine boutique appeal with an acoustic-electric format and are available in both A4 and A5 versions. A portion of proceeds will benefit Metallica’s *All Within My Hands* charity, underscoring the release’s importance beyond its rarity and artistry.

The event underscored Guitar Center’s mission to inspire and connect musicians at every level by combining hands-on education with unforgettable experiences. From the excitement of a first guitar lesson to a surprise performance with a rock legend, the morning perfectly reflected the company’s commitment to celebrating music, artistry and community.

The limited-edition (only four units in the U.S. exclusively through Guitar Center) Godin A4 & A5 Robert Trujillo Yellow Flame Acoustic-Electric Basses are currently available with retail pricing as follows:

[A4 (4-string)](https://www.guitarcenter.com/Godin/A4-Ultra-Yellow-Flame-Robert-Trujillo-Signature-Limited-Edition-Acoustic-Electric-Bass-Guitar-M72-Yellow-1500000464099.gc): $5299.00

[A5 (5-string)](https://www.guitarcenter.com/Godin/A5-Ultra-Yellow-Flame-Robert-Trujillo-Signature-Limited-Edition-5-String-Acoustic-Electric-Bass-Guitar-M72-Yellow-1500000464100.gc): $5499.00

For more information on the Godin A4 & A5 Robert Trujillo Yellow Flame Acoustic-Electric Basses, visit their individual product pages ([A4](https://www.guitarcenter.com/Godin/A4-Ultra-Yellow-Flame-Robert-Trujillo-Signature-Limited-Edition-Acoustic-Electric-Bass-Guitar-M72-Yellow-1500000464099.gc) and [A5](https://www.guitarcenter.com/Godin/A5-Ultra-Yellow-Flame-Robert-Trujillo-Signature-Limited-Edition-5-String-Acoustic-Electric-Bass-Guitar-M72-Yellow-1500000464100.gc)).

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Photo Caption 1: Guitar Center CEO Gabe Dalporto provided attendees with a guided tour of the store highlighting the retailer’s enhanced in-store experience. Photo credit: Guitar Center.

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Photo Caption 2: Dave Kushner, Guitar Center’s Senior Director of Music Education Experience, shows an attendee the correct finger position during the lessons portion of the event. Photo credit: Guitar Center.

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Photo Caption 3: Surprise appearance by Metallica bassist Robert Trujillo, who proceeded to join in playing the riff to Metallica’s “Enter Sandman.” Photo credit: Guitar Center.

Photo 4: ASC\_3396.jpg

Photo Caption 4: Metallica bassist Robert Trujillo plays his Godin A4 Robert Trujillo Yellow Flame Acoustic-Electric Bass to Metallica’s “Enter Sandman.” The Godin A4 & A5 Robert Trujillo Yellow Flame Acoustic-Electric Basses are a Guitar Center exclusive, limited to just four units in the United States. Photo credit: Guitar Center.

Photo 5: AGC\_3435.jpg

Photo Caption 5: Metallica bassist Robert Trujillo shown with the Godin A4 Robert Trujillo Yellow Flame Acoustic-Electric Bass. The Godin A4 & A5 Robert Trujillo Yellow Flame Acoustic-Electric Basses are a Guitar Center exclusive, limited to just four units in the United States. Photo credit: Guitar Center.

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